

Pay amounts and certification statements were not transcribed. Daily pay rates were:

Colonel	17 Shillings
Major	16 Shillings
Captain	10 Shillings 6 pence
Adjutant	8 Shillings 6 pence
Lieutenant	6 Shillings 6 pence
Quarter Master	6 Shillings 6 pence
Ensign	5 Shillings 3 pence
Sergeant Major	2 Shillings
Sergeant	1 Shilling 4 pence
Private	6 pence
Officer's Horse	2 Shillings 6 pence

The 2nd Regiment of York Militia was drawn from men living in the townships of Trafalgar, Toronto, Nelson, East and West Flamborough, Ancaster, Barton, Beverly, and Saltfleet, which mostly formed the western part of York County at that time. These townships later became part of the counties of Peel, Halton, and Wentworth and are now in the area from Oakville to Hamilton. Militia laws at times required all men from 16 to 60 to report for muster duty in the regiment in their area. The muster rolls therefore also served as a partial census of who was living in the area. However, a number of men received exemptions from service for various reasons. About 700 men's names appeared in these payrolls from 1812 to 1814. Men did not always report for duty in the same company or even the same regiment. A number of men who served in the 2nd York also served in the 5th Lincoln.

Names may have been spelled differently on different payrolls and even on subsequent copies of the same payrolls. The assumption can usually be made that a given name belonged to only one man but there were a number of families with two or more generations of men with the same name. There were also a number of large families living in the area but all the men sharing that surname were not necessarily related.

A number of problems had to be resolved in the transcription process because of the documents' deterioration, illegible hand writing, spelling errors, and incomplete dates. In some cases, there were men with different spellings for what may have been the same surname. While it is quite likely that Ensign William McKerlie and Ensign William McCarly was the same person it is not as clear whether Privates John Caygy, John Hagy, John Kaygay, and John Ragy were the same person. The transcriber has explained his rationale for dating the undated documents with the transcriptions of those documents below.

A number of men served in more than one regiment during the war. This was particularly true of the men in the 5th Lincoln and 2nd York Militias. Men from the 2nd York served with men of the 5th Lincoln under 5th Lincoln officers on a number of